GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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SMART CARD SCHEME
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken a decision to issue bio-metric smart cards to all PDS consumers of kerosene and LPG;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said scheme is likely to help in solving the problem of irrational subsidy, lasser consumption and adulteration; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a) to (d): This Ministry has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) to partner in the Project related to distribution of PDS Kerosene and domestic Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) using the platform of UIDAI for better targeting of subsidy to the intended beneficiaries. Unique Identification Number (UID) with the Biometric details will help to identify and target the delivery of product only to customer or his family members without any leakages.

Government has constituted a Task Force in February, 2011 under the Chairmanship of Shri Nandan Nilekani, Chairman, UIDAI to recommend means for direct transfer of subsidies on PDS Kerosene and domestic LPG to the intended beneficiaries.